

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

March 19, 2003

NOTICE

To: All Interested Parties

Subject: Glass Container and Fiberglass Minimum-Content

Workshop

California law requires glass container and fiberglass insulation manufacturers to use a minimum level of recycled glass to produce new products and authorizes the Department of Conservation (Department) to grant waivers in certain circumstances (Public Resources Code Sections 14549, et seq. and 19500, et seq.). The Department issued a December 30, 2002, notice describing a proposal for evaluating requests for waivers from minimum-content requirements based on "unavailability" of cullet.

This has prompted feedback from the glass industry and others. To collect input more effectively and to allow exchange among interested parties, the Department will hold an informal workshop to discuss glass container and fiberglass minimum-content issues. This will help the Department with the development of workable regulations and reporting forms prior to formal rulemaking procedures.

Your input at this workshop is important and will expedite the rulemaking process. However, it should be noted that you will also have the opportunity to submit comments on proposed regulations during the regulatory comment period(s) later this year. You will be notified of the date of the regulatory public comment period subsequent to the filing of the proposed regulations with the Office of Administrative Law.

The workshop will be held:

April 8, 2003 1 PM - 5 PM 1027 10th Street, 6th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814

As a starting point for discussion, the Department has prepared draft regulatory language. The draft is posted on the Department's website www.consrv.ca.gov/dor, along with supplemental information and the December 30, 2002 guideline. Paper copies of these documents are available on request.

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If you wish to attend the workshop, please RSVP to Amy Seyfried at aseyfried@consrv.ca.gov or (916) 323-5778 no later than April 1, 2003.

If you cannot attend, but wish to submit written comments, please e-mail them to Jim Hill at jhill@consrv.ca.gov.

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